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WAR & PEACE

Why Ike shifted stand: Atomic stalemate bars U.S. victory in a war

By Tabitha Petran

ANOTHER "great debate" on U.S. foreign policy seemed inevitable last week after Sen. Knowland's blast against "peaceful co-existence." The U.S., said he, would be left "a continental Dienbienphu in a communist totalitarian world" by an "atomic stalemate"—which he placed some years in the future. He sounded this alarm during Senate debate on censure of McCarthy and as McCarthyites established

> ". . . a cadre that clearly represents the largest re-emergence and coming together of essentially Right Wing groups since before the U.S. entered World War II" (N.Y. **Times**, 11/21).

The coincidence of events was not accidental: McCarthyism is a product of U.S. foreign policy defeats, expressing the hysterical frustration among sections of U.S. capitalism which increasingly see immediate war as the solution of its problems. Yet if the coming debate were defined simply as one between "nationalist" and "strike now" groups and so-called "internationalists" in the Administration and Democratic Party, it already had an air of unreality. For as NYT's James Reston pointed out (11/17), Knowland's policy was Eisenhower's and Dulles' until recently and—Reston might have added—also Truman's. The difference now is that the President and some in his Administration realize the "atomic stalemate" is already here.

BI-PARTISAN WHIPLASH: Recognition of the "historic shift in the world balance of power" (**Business Week**, 11/20) was forced by the backfiring of Washington's H-bomb threats last spring and the fiasco of its attempt to intervene in Indo-China. The recognition produced, said **BW**, two decisions: the President's, to "put wraps on Chiang Kai-shek," and agreement at the October London conference "not to use force to roll back the Iron Curtain."

Powerful forces have lined up behind Knowland's revolt against what the **Christian Science Monitor** (11/16) called "the policy of gradual groping toward co-existence with one's major opponent." They include such Democrats as Lehman, Douglas, and Symington who promptly congratulated Knowland; the dominant element in the Pentagon; the Secy. of State, who is, however, forced reluctantly to follow the President's lead; the China and German lobbies with immense resources. Yet the fact remains that Know-

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Will Thanksgiving, 1954, be the harbinger of real peace on earth?
This is a scene from the annual Thanksgiving parade in New York

WILL THEY SUCCEED IN CRIPPLING TVA?

Dixon-Yates the hottest issue in new Congress

By Lawrence Emery

IN one sense public versus private power was decisive in swinging control of Congress to the Democrats: the election of Oregon's Richard Neuberger to the Senate was clinched on that issue. But last week the Republican Administration was still stubbornly determined to cripple the TVA by setting up a privae combine to do business in its territory. On Nov. 11 the Atomic Energy Commission signed the controversial Dixon-Yates contract.

Two days later the Joint Congressional Committee on Atomic Energy approved the signed contract on a straight party vote, 10-8; it was the first such strict political division since the committee's inception in 1946. The formal signing and formal approval did not end the fight; Dixon-Yates will be one of the hottest issues in the next Congress.

THE NAME ON THE TAG: There was a new element in the battle; heretofore opponents of the D-Y deal were inclined to excuse President Eisenhower personally. Last week they were pinning the blame directly upon him; the myth of his political immunity as a sacred symbol of something or other had gone with the election returns. Said Rep. Chet Holifield (D-Calif.):

> "The President must accept full responsibility for Dixon-Yates. [He has shown] woeful ignorance of the facts of federal power development."

Sen. Albert Gore (D-Tenn.), now a member of the Joint Committee, was even sharper:

> "I've excused the President on the basis of bad advice as long as I care to. As far as I'm concerned, the gift-tag on the Dixon-Yates contract has President Eisenhower's name on it."

Eisenhower himself touched off the controversy when he ordered the AEC

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Death of Soviet Union's Andrei Vishinsky at 70 shocks United Nations

ANDREI VISHINSKY

THE U.S.S.R.'s deputy foreign minister and UN delegation chief, Andrei Vishinsky, 70, died of a heart attack at his desk at delegation headquarters at 9:30 a.m. on Nov. 22. When his death was announced three hours later at UN (the Soviet delegation withheld the announcement till then out of courtesy to French Premier Mendes-France, who addressed the UN at 10:30), shocked incredulity was followed by genuine grief, an almost stunning sense of loss throughout the world organization.

Vishinsky dominated the UN, which he had served since its inception. It was difficult to separate the man from the organization. He gave the UN stature; without him, it seemed to shrink. This recognition of his unique role was explicit among the saddened groups of diplomats and correspondents gathered all day in UN corridors; and it ran through the tributes paid him by every delegation (except Chiang Kai-shek's).

THE WORLD'S LOSS: In death, as in life, the U.S. press painted Vishinsky as a force for evil. This picture had nothing to do with Vishinsky as he was known and loved at UN, even by those who disagreed most with his views. If the respect paid by one or two cold-war countries was grudging, the other tributes were warm and deeply felt. UN knew that "one of the world's great statesmen," "a diplomat of unequaled calibre" had fallen, and "with him treasures of knowledge, eloquence and wit." To most UN diplomats he was a "warm friend," of "unfailing courtesy and sportsmanship" and "great personal charm," "a matchless speaker and debater," whose "brilliant and sometimes caustic wit" was "touched with deep humanity" and whose loss "will be felt all over the world."

These words of delegation chiefs from all over the world could not encompass, in themselves, Vishinsky's contribution to the cause of peace. As the Lebanon delegate said:

> "At this moment each one would have liked to have the eloquence of Mr. Vishinsky to describe the greatness of the man, his tremendous abilities, his devoted work. . . . He is and will remain one of the greatest men our organization will ever see. We will not see his like again."

(Next week the GUARDIAN will analyze Vishinsky's work in behalf of peace.)

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Copy of a letter to the Secy. of State:

"Dear Mr. Dulles:

"Instead of ordering fighter escorts for American bombers on 'mapping missions' in the vicinity of Soviet territory, you should order all flights by American planes in danger zones to cease. Every American knows—so I presume you know — that to send American fighter planes on Soviet frontiers is to invite war. If you really want war, I suggest YOU join the air force and fly over Soviet territory. We don't want war, so don't look for much backing from us."

Vernon Ward

General Mills' backside

MILWAUKEE, WIS.

In your election round-up you failed to realize that Hubert Humphrey is just the Democratic side of the General Mills' (Morgan) coin of which Harold Stassen is the Republican side. Also, that the reason for Judd's GOP victory was that Democrat Humphrey intervened in his behalf. **Farmer**

The farm vote

ST. PAUL, MINN.

Such crust! Secretary of Agriculture Benson says, "Not a single Republican loss in the Congressional elections can be attributed to the farm vote."

I sure hope the GUARDIAN takes up that whoperoo and shows how far Ezra is straying from the straight-and-narrow. The Nebraska farm woman who sent him enough eggs to buy a one-way ticket back home had the right idea. And the election returns in the farm areas out this way show that a lot of farmers feel exactly the same way.

Of course, the Democrats did not speak out on the farm question. They put nothing on the line and were no less flexible on flexible parity than some of Ezra's free (monopoly) enterprisers.

Despite confusion and tweedledee-tweedledum considerations, the voters showed they don't like what Ike, Joe and Ezra have been doing. That's how I see it from here anyhow. And I sure think the opportunity for Farmer-Labor unity is greater than ever. So here's to the Progressive Party and the GUARDIAN. **Dairy Farmer**

Benson didn't win

LITCHFIELD, MINN.

The jackass and the pachyderm looked pretty much alike on Nov. 2. But I don't see how Benson can say he won the election when he wasn't even running. Please ask our Secy. of Agriculture to explain how come GOP Rep. Harold Hagen got licked out here if not because of grassroot dissatisfaction with flexible parity. Even a phony, double-talking ex-General Mills' pundit like Sen. Humphrey (D) used it to drown out all other issues and thereby piled up a staggering plurality.

I see that the poultryman (Democrat) who took the governorship so long held by the GOP in Pennsylvania also made hay on the flexible parity issue — also the Michigan Senator. And what about Hersten in Wisconsin? Even in Illinois Douglas, who talks for high parity but votes for low parity, said the small farmers downstate showed a shift to the Democrats.

The whole campaign was intended to be confusing. Bosses of both parties did their best to make it so. **Oscar Hansen**

How crazy can you get dept.

EAST MEADOW, N. Y. Nov. 6 (UP)—Seven trumpets and trombones were brought up for a loyalty hearing Friday before the East Meadow authorities.

The instruments were made in Communist East Germany and the suppliers had recommended them as "the best-playing low-priced instruments we have."

School authorities demanded that they be replaced by non-Communist horns after learning of their origin.

—Springfield (Mo.) Leader & Press, Nov. 7.

One-year free sub to sender of each item printed under this heading. Winner: A. W., Branson, Mo.

Call to conference

DETROIT, MICH.

Here in Michigan the two big election issues were: Jobs and Parity. The lesson we draw is that we need to develop a coalition of workers, farmers and the Negro people if we are to win. We have to begin by calling some legislative conferences so that we can nail down election promises by glib-tongued politicians whose party bosses were committed to nothing at all definite.

Detroit Auto Worker

Young voters

NEW YORK, N. Y.

We were happy to see a letter in the GUARDIAN recently, in which a reader suggested that the American Labor Party organize youth groups.

For the past two years the ALP has had a youth group, with headquarters at 28 Greenwich Av.

Our group, although small, has been very active on issues concerning youth—U. M. T., the draft, unemployment, academic freedom, etc. Recently we published a 12-page booklet, **Youth Shall Be Heard**, which runs the gamut of problems facing young people in all walks of life. We'd be happy to send copies on request.

We have also been trying to organize similar youth groups in other ALP clubs throughout the city. Anyone interested in joining may come to our meetings, which are held every Thursday at 9 p.m.

Young Voters Committee Greenwich Village ALP

Lancaster in Daily Express, London

"Were we in Russia, Lady Whipsnade, you would be made to withdraw that last remark!"

Lucky throw

DOME, ARIZ.

A passenger on a train through our town threw off your paper and I saw your ad for Japanese-made stainless steel ware.

I was given a starter set of the Scandinavian product and would like to fill this set out. So if you will send me the enclosed order I will compare it to the one I have and if it is satisfactory I will order more of same. **Helen Q. Walker**

The Elbow Blues

NEW YORK, N. Y.

Old Generals
Never die
Sit on their brass
And alibi
The McCarthy fade-away.

Lawrence Gellert

Thanks from the South

LAKELAND, FLA.

Brother Harry Koger has just arrived in Florida with much needed financial help in order that we can, extend the Agricultural Workers Union to additional areas in Florida that have been asking for organization.

He has told us of the cooperation extended him in his efforts to get financial help to aid us in our work by the staff of the GUARDIAN and other groups and individuals. The Union expresses its appreciation for this aid and to the good people who contributed money. We will not let you down.

Otis G. Nation, President United Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Workers of America 1502 Boone Place

Hashmall's 5 years

NEW YORK, N. Y.

I have written the following letter to Gov. Lausche of Ohio:

"No matter how you look at it, the five years' jail sentence meted out to Frank Hashmall by an Ohio court, for using a false name and address on an automobile registration, will indelibly brand the Ohio judiciary and its Chief Executive.

"For, how can one explain or excuse the 'even handed' justice of magistrates who, in your state, in the case of a William Snowden, fine $50 for repeated false automobile registrations, while Hashmall, who committed the same act once, is sentenced to five years?

"Shall we explain that the difference in the severity of the sentences flowed from the fact that Snowden merely wanted to up his profits, while Hashmall, needing a vehicle in order to make a living for his family, gave a different name and address because employment under his real name had become a virtual impossibility as a result of the adverse publicity he had received as a 'Red.'

"May I respectfully urge you to pardon Frank Hashmall before Christmas, 1954?" **Abraham Zitron**

Any answer?

NEW YORK, N. Y.

McCarthyism, if it is allowed to continue, can well become the opiate of the American people.

Can we then rightfully call McCarthy our American dope?

Harry Fries

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"The workingmen are the basis of all governments, for the plain reason that they are the most numerous."
—ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

REPORT TO READERS

Smart shopping

IF YOU HAVEN'T DONE YOUR GIFT SHOPPING by now, you have passed the deadline warning on the radio and the bus cards, and you're in for the annual department store rush.

That is, if you haven't yet opened our annual holiday letter, sent to all subscribers last week. Tucked in the letter this year —with the idea of saving you as many last-minute shopping headaches as possible—is a sprightly, fully-illustrated pocket-or-purse-size brochure from our Guardian Buying Service. (If you didn't get it, a postcard brings you one by return mail.)

Starting from the first page, with a three-in-one kit of Child Guidance toys (price $3.95 postpaid), to page eight, with Pop asleep in the sling-chair in his Santa costume (one of our Holiday greeting card designs, 8 for $1 ppd.), our little gift catalogue has something swell for everyone you haven't yet shopped for.

There's a doll, for example, that does everything all the other modern dolls do, but walks backwards in addition. How about that? There are steak knives, salad forks, butter spreaders and serving spoons to go with our rock-bottom-priced stainless steel tableware.

GEORGE WASHINGTON SLEPT HERE, right on page 4 of the catalogue, under the original of the Guardian Buying Service's Mt. Vernon replica bedspread, available in sizes for your regular bed or for your Presidential four-poster. And some of the best book and record buys imaginable for children of all ages are offered on pages 6 and 7.

So, we suggest you take this handy little brochure right now, and start matching up the names on your gift list with Buying Service selections. A money-back guarantee goes with every item. If you want gifts to go direct to recipients, include their addresses, mark "gift" on the order blank, and we'll gift-wrap and include a gift card at no extra charge. Sorry, no C.O.D., please include full payment with your order.

ON THE SUBJECT OF CARDS, our 1954-5 selection (see p. 12, this paper) are just about the spiffiest our artist friends have hand-crafted for us in any season. Modern, colorful (four sprightly special colors), generous in size, they represent a full range of artistic tastes and styles but they all add up to peace and good will. They are the equal of any 25c card, at 8 for $1. Your friends will be delighted to get them, and you can send any one of the cards to anyone to the left of Senator Knowland without any misgivings.

Matter of fact, there's one card that ought to be right up Senator Knowland's dark alley. You'll find it, complete with crisp, vellum envelope, among the eight differing designs in this season's Guardian Holiday Greeting Cards.

—THE EDITORS.

ERRATA AND ADDENDA: We are at a loss to account for two typographical errors in the Gift Shopping brochure mentioned above but we will be at a greater loss if they are not corrected: The Golden Book Geography should be $3.95, not $2.95; and the Golden Treasury of Natural History $4.95 instead of $2.95. Under Addenda we should have added a lot more superlatives in describing some of the items, especially those three Child Guidance toys for $3.95. You probably can't match them in quality for twice the price, and we don't think you can match them anywhere for ingenuity and educational value.

NEW LEGAL TRAP SET FOR DEFENDANTS

Florida high court voids contempt terms

FOURTEEN Miamians sentenced to jail for refusing to answer political questions in the Dade County witch-hunt seemed to have fallen into a second legal trap even as they escaped by a whisker from the first. Florida's Supreme Court "with obvious reluctance" (Miami **Daily News**, 11/19) voided

the contempt sentences Nov. 21, seeing "no legal basis to escape the conclusion" that the U.S. Constitution protected the 14 from having to answer questions on their political activities and beliefs. State Atty. George A. Brautigam had contended they must answer because membership in the Communist Party was no crime, while the defense held mere membership was "criminal." The court ruled that the questions "were ample to contemplate criminal communism" and answers might provide "a link in the chain of evidence" against those being probed.

Brautigam said the ruling was "just what we were looking for" and promised to seek new indictments on "mere membership" as soon as he returned to Dade Co. from Pensacola. He was temporarily "exiled" there by Gov. Charley Johns, purportedly for his inept handling of a murder case.

The court ruling will presumably affect similar contempt convictions of 17 others now free on bail from their one-year sentences. During its term since May the grand jury had subpenaed over 200 persons, of whom 185 are Jewish; all but two of the 31 convicted are Jewish.

VELDE RIDES SOUTH: During the Brautigam-less breather, Miami progressives were gathering their forces to protest any more probes, with fight-back funds being solicited by the Greater Miami Constitutional Defense Committee (Box 1794, Miami Beach, Fla.). They were encouraged by the election to the state legislature, despite a vigorous smear campaign, of Miami Democrat John Orr, former Progressive Party candidate and campaign manager for former Florida Sen. Claude Pepper. Orr has been outspoken against the Dade Co. witch-hunt.

But on Nov. 29 the House Un-American Activities Committee was to begin hearings in Miami. Chairman Harold Velde said 30 witnesses would be called. One target is the Jewish Cultural Center whose president and director, Morris Rohinsky and Maurice Carroll, were among the 14 convicted and now freed.

NATIONAL DANGER: N.Y. attorney Royal W. France, who at the request of several Dade Co. defendants has been investigating the place of Miami's witch-hunt in the national civil liberties picture, called Brautigam's promises an "unfortunate result" to a "fortunate" upholding of the Fifth Amendment. France, who for 25 years taught at Florida's Rollins College, warned that "the most dangerous aspects of the civil liberties fight will be in individual states." Citing the Louisville "conspiracy" trial and the New Hampshire contempt sentence of **Monthly Review** co-editor Paul Sweezy, France told the GUARDIAN:

"The trial of Sen. McCarthy before the Senate, and the poor showing in the recent election of many candidates who were his supporters, may slow down attacks on civil liberties in that area. But a considerable number of states have passed 'little Smith acts' and authorities for 27 states have intervened in the Nelson case now pending in the U.S. Supreme Court, which involves the question of whether state laws conflict with the Smith Act. One of the dangers is that it is more difficult to get funds to fight actions in local state courts than it is to secure means of resistance in the national arena. The scale and extent to which abridgement of civil liberties has gone in Miami calls for support of the people involved on a national as well as a local scale."

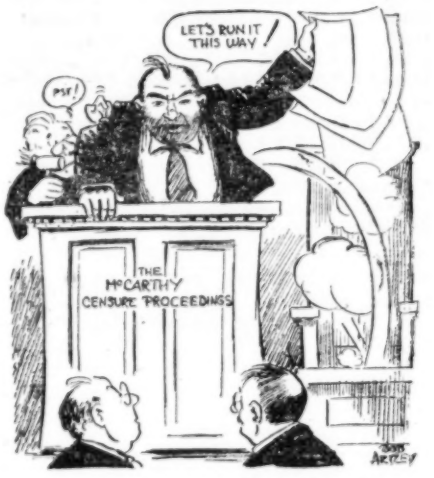
Bazaars!

Best holiday buys (with profits to the best causes) are being assembled now for December shoppers by the Independent Progressive Party of Los Angeles and the American Labor Party of New York.

IPP's wares will be available Dec. 3-4-5 at their annual Holiday Gift Bazaar at Park Manor, 6th and Western Av.

ALP's Annual Labor Bazaar will be at Beethoven Hall 210 E. 5th St. (near 2d Av.), from Fri. Dec. 10 at 6 p.m. to Sunday midnight, Dec. 12.

Children are invited free to both.



Des Moines Tribune

"WHO'S RUNNING THIS?"

PERPETUAL JEOPARDY

Patterson gets new contempt sentence in CRC book case

FBI undercover agent Matthew Cvetic told the House Un-American Activities Committee in April, 1950, that Civil Rights Congress exec. secy. William L. Patterson was a Communist and that "all planning, all programming" of the CRC in Western Pennsylvania was done by the Communist Party.

The House Lobby Investigating Committee on Aug. 3, 1950, ordered Patterson to produce CRC records containing contributors' names and addresses. Committee member Henderson L. Lanham called Patterson a liar for saying Georgia was "a lynch state." Patterson retorted, "You're another!" and the Georgia Dixiecrat, yelling, "You black son of a bitch," moved to assault the CRC leader. Patterson was charged with contempt for each of the two days of the hearings for refusing to surrender the records.

The "contempt of Congress" trial began in Washington on April 6, 1951, before Federal Judge Alexander Holtzoff, former FBI adviser, and a jury half of women and half of men; half the jury was Negro. A mistrial was declared, despite the court's efforts to force a verdict, when the jury after eight hours' deliberation failed to agree. Judge Holtzoff, in asking the prosecutor to dismiss, blamed the "unfortunate episode" of Lanham's insult for the mistrial.

VICTORY—& NEW ASSAULT In Nov., 1951, the CRC published **We Charge Genocide: The Crime of Government Against the Negro People.** A month later, when Patterson was in Paris to lay the genocide charge before the UN, the State Dept. tried to make him hand over his passport and return to the U.S. The passport was seized when he landed Jan. 23 at Idlewild. Federal Judge Luther W. Youngdahl on March 20, 1952, dismissed the contempt case. Patterson said the victory had been aided by "the pressure of millions of Methodist and Baptist communicants" through their ministers. The government's appeal was rejected.

WILLIAM L. PATTERSON
A vicious merry-go-round

Patterson last June 2 received a court order to turn over CRC records to Internal Revenue for examination. He answered that the books were "not available." Former Smith Act prosecutor, now Federal Judge, John F. X. McGohey sentenced Patterson to 90 days in jail.

BACK TO JAIL: He had been released less than a month when the U.S. District Court of the Southern Dist. of N.Y. on Nov. 16 gave him three days to produce the books. On Nov. 19 he appeared in a Foley Sq. courtroom before Federal Dist. Judge Edward Weinfeld. Again unable to produce the books, Patterson was once more sentenced to 90 days in prison. Weinfeld implied that this process would be repeated until the government "believed" Patterson's sworn testimony that the records didn't exist.

The N.Y. State legislative committee investigating charitable agencies and philanthropic organizations is meanwhile hearing charges that CRC is a money-collecting "racket," as the federal grand jury turns to questioning Samuel Barron, Patterson's associate, about the non-existent records. CRC is urgently asking for protests to Atty. Gen. Herbert Brownell, Justice Dept., Washington, D.C.

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NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETS

Progressive Party calls for national mobilization for censure of McCarthy

THE NATL. COMMITTEE of the Progressive Party held a two-day meeting in New York Nov. 20-21 attended by 53 representatives from ten states. A special action of the meeting called for national mobilization behind the McCarthy censure motion now before the Senate. A legislative program was drafted for action by state organizations and a continuations committee set up to consider what forms future activity by Progressive Party groups should take.

Immediate actions, in addition to the campaign for McCarthy censure, will be advance visits to members of the incoming Congress in behalf of peaceful co-existence, FEPC, repeal of Brownell, McCarran-Walter and other repressive legislation; re-introduction of the Brannan Plan for farm relief and price and rent controls for consumers; a halt to giveaways of national resources and public enterprise; and an anti-depression program calling for $1,000 tax exemptions, a $1.25 minimum hourly wage, a public works program, improved unemployment benefits and East-West trade.

An election analysis by natl. secy. C. B. Baldwin attributed the failure of a Democratic sweep to the small size of the total vote (about 42,000,000 instead of an expected 50,000,000); coupled with Democratic failure to take initiatives for peace, farm relief and civil rights and liberties. He attributed Democratic gains principally to economic unrest, particularly in large industrial areas.

DEMOCRATS SILENT: The statement proposing the national anti-McCarthy mobilization follows:

- "By defeating such Congressmen as Kersten of Wisconsin, Clardy of Michigan, Busbey of Illinois and Graham of Pennsylvania in the November elections, the voters decisively repudiated McCarthy and McCarthyism. But there is grave danger that the unmistakable anti-McCarthy mandate of Nov. 2 will not be carried out by the Senate which is now debating the censure resolution. The Senate Democratic leadership has failed to intervene in the debate on the pretext that it is not a party issue, and Republicans are maneuvering to water down this resolution or talk it to death in the name of party unity. McCarthy and his supporters have lulled popular opposition into inactivity by creating the illusion that censure is a foregone conclusion. At the same time a right wing-military clique has organized a campaign for anti-censure petitions in an attempt to make it appear that McCarthy has the support of the country.

"It is essential that the people intervene in the Senate debate and implement their election mandate by demanding the passing of the censure resolution. The Progressive Party, therefore, calls upon its state organizations and urges all other labor, Negro, and people's organizations to devote the next critical weeks to making the voice of the people heard in Washington through a campaign of letters, telegrams, petitions and delegations to their Senators."

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War & Peace

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land's policy has already been tried and failed, and the present Washington trend "is very much against the Senator and he knows it" (Reston).

While the issue has been settled for the time being, the organized right wing (probably assisted by "liberal" Democrats) will serve as a whiplash to prevent any real settlements. The whiplash will be the more effective since the "great debate" is apt to be reduced to an argument over the level of arms spending. The Democrats are already seizing on the Administration's recognition of atomic stalemate as a new pretext to attack it for cutting arms spending. They want high arms spending to maintain relatively full employment and keep labor support; the GOP wants it high enough to insure the rate of profit but not so high as to prevent a pool of unemployment through which it hopes to cut labor costs.

Both parties see co-existence as an "armed truce" in which the "cold war" will be continued. If there is to be a real debate on policy, the people must force basic questions into the open.

MORE COLD WAR: Why must Washington continue the "cold war?" Not even the rabidly anti-Soviet Gen. Clark now denies that Moscow's policy is one of peace: "I don't think you could drag the Soviet Union into a shooting war," he said last week; "the Russians are doing too well in the cold war they are waging."

But "cold war" has a precise meaning: preparing aggressive war—the Nazis called it "war in peace"; and it is a U.S., not a Soviet policy. Clark meant obviously what other U.S. spokesmen call "internal subversion," "political aggression," etc. **CSM** (11/18)—equating this "subversion," perhaps unwittingly, with "people fighting for independence"—said Knowland's answer to it was unworkable since "Americans always recalling their own struggle for independence" would hardly sanction bombing of Russian cities "to stop infiltration and subversion."

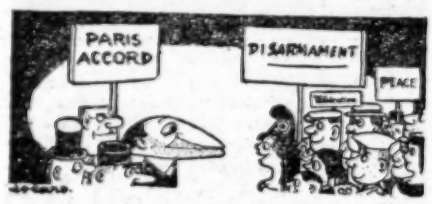
It is clear that Washington, blocked in its plans for a showdown with the socialist world, must maintain the cold war not only as a pretext for arms spending but as a means to crush colonial independence movements, establish domination over capitalist allies and their empires. For example:

• Western Democratic Union

Soviet Foreign Minister Molotov, offering to postpone the proposed Nov. 29 All-Europe security conference if the West delayed ratification of W. German rearmament, said such a conference "where every state would be able to express its opinion and make suggestions . . . cannot harm any peaceful state but rather can and should help toward the strengthening of peace." A Washington really 'groping" toward co-existence could hardly reject that proposition. But Secy. Dulles and French Premier Mendes-France —in the U.S. "to dispel suspicions that France has aspirations for 'neutrality' between East and West" (**NYT**, 11/18)—hastened to do so. The British House of Commons vote on the Paris accords —264 to 4—meant that 357 MP's or 59% abstained but Britain too would reject the Moscow proposal. W. German Chancellor Adenauer, fearful of "the notable lack of enthusiasm for the Paris agreements, especially armament" (**NYT**, 11/19), banned any parliamentary discussion of talks with Moscow.

THE BROWN POLICE: These maneuvers were dictated not by any belief in the efficacy of the 12 German divisions for "western defense" but by the idea of German supremacy in Europe which Washington considers "both desirable and inevitable" (Hans J. Morgenthau, **Commonweal**, 11/12). As **Tribune des Nations'** "Colonel X" wrote (10/29), to justify the notion that the W. German army could stop Russian aggression in W. Europe

> ". . . one would have to believe at the same time that the U.S.S.R. contemplates invading Europe and that it would refuse to make use of its atomic armament in that enterprise. But if one can believe in one



Liberation, Paris

"We're from Paris too, but we're not in accord."

> or other of those two propositions, to believe in both at once is obviously absurd. . . . [There are] quite different reasons [for rearming Germany, one of which is] the necessity . . . to assure the present social order in W. Europe. In other words, they want the new German army to constitute a European police force."

Britain, as Aneurin Bevan said last week, would need U.S. financial help to fulfill its commitments under the accords, hence put its policy under "annual pressure from Cogress." Mendes-France, in rejecting talks with Moscow and promising early ratification, is acting for French capitalism which retains power at home by U.S. support; he has to pay by yielding its position in Indo-China to the U.S.

• Under-developed countries

U.S. foreign policy, the President has said, "should be based on the need for America to obtain profitable foreign markets and raw materials to sustain her economy." Steps toward more super-profits from overseas are his recent directive to cabinet officers telling them how to help American investors abroad, and his decision to support an Intl. Finance Corp. to lend money to, and buy securities in, industries in under-developed countries, increasing pressure on other countries to borrow from private banks.

But "have-not" countries—⅔ of the world's people with only 15% of its income—are no longer willing to accept this colonial role. They have seen other countries industrialize rapidly by bootstrap methods. In E. Europe today, less than ten years after the complete devastation of war, heavy-industry output per capita is only 10% less than in W. Europe—"a fantastic tempo of industrialization" (**BW**, 11/20).

That these under-developed countries are emerging as an independent force was dramatically demonstrated in the UN debate on Washington's atoms-for-peace plan. So strong was the rebellion that **CSM** (11/20) thought the whole plan might be jeopardized, if not destroyed, "so far as its value in the East-West struggle for men's minds is concerned."

DOLLARS & AGGRESSION: Americans, who own more than 60% of the world's industrial plant (though they represent only 6% of its people), should understand, as William Worthy wrote in the NAACP's **The Crisis** (10/54):

> "Every U.S. investment abroad represent potential aggression by us: the Depts. of Commerce & Defense, our military bases, and our MSA kibitzers are the clear, cold incarnation of the Coolidge gunboat doctrine that 'the person and property of a citizen of the U.S. are a part of the general domain of the nation, even when abroad.'"

Declaring that the U.S. "economic and social order is not only doomed but is a menace to mankind," Worthy quoted a passage from George Orwell's **1984** which Americans seeking alternatives to the cold war might well ponder:

> "War is waged by each ruling group against its own subjects, and the object of war is . . . to keep the structure of society intact."

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Dixon-Yates issue

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to contract with two Southern private utilities (Dixon-Yates) to build a $107,250,000 steam generating plant to feed 600,000 kilowatts into the TVA system as replacement for a like amount of power supplied by TVA to an AEC plant.

OBJECT—RAPE: In effect, this turned the AEC into a power broker since it did not need the power itself but was instructed to act as an intermediary between the private combine and the TVA. Both groups originally opposed the deal; it was forced ahead at Eisenhower's personal insistence. Critics pointed out that the TVA itself could build a needed plant at a vast saving to taxpayers; that the deal was rigged in favor of Dixon-Yates; that there was no competitive bidding; that it was a risk-free deal with guaranteed profits by government subsidy to private groups; that its was the first step in crippling or destroying TVA, once described by Eisenhower as an example of "creeping socialism."

Leland Olds, former chairman of the Federal Power Commission, on Oct. 25 told the Womens Natl. Democratic Club

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CURRENT PROBLEMS

in Washington that the "Eisenhower-power trust partnership" has as its objective the "rape" of the public interest. He described its purpose:

> "Simply this, to start eliminating TVA as an embarrassing yardstick of construction efficiency, of labor relations, of operating costs, of electric rates, of expanding consumer use of electricity and of broader markets for electric appliances."

He called it a "conspiracy to undermine, disintegrate, and ultimately to take over the TVA yardstick power business" and said the effect of the contract would be for

> ". . . Uncle Sam to buy the Dixon-Yates private power combine a nice big steam electric station of 600,000 kilowatt capacity on the installment plan and to pay Dixon and Yates at least $495,000 a year on a riskless $5,000,000 investment, together with all taxes, maintenance and replacement costs, as a reward for accepting it."

THE RIGHT SWITCH: Eisenhower spokesmen deny that Dixon-Yates constitutes an attack on TVA, but **Barron's Weekly**, big business journal, set the record straight on Nov. 1:

> "The Eisenhower administration has adopted a new kind of power philosophy which for the first time in years gives the private utilities room to grow. It has won some skirmishes . . . but now it is engaged in the Tennessee Valley, which is the pulsating heart of public power. The choice before the administration is clear. If it yields to pressure on Dixon-Yates, it will lose whatever ground it has gained. But if it throws the right switch, it will . . . have . . . taken an important step toward desocializing power in the U.S."

The contract as signed contained some last-minute changes which Administration spokesmen conceded were added as a result of the election results. These included a ceiling of $600,000-a-year profit (equal to 10.9% of D-Y's equity investment) and the right of the government to recapture the plant within the first three years. But Holifield charged that "jokers" in the contract would still permit D-Y to make as much as 20-30% profit, and Sen. Estes Kefauver (D-Tenn.) called the contract (50 printed pages, plus a six-page supplement, a 21-page memorandum of "interpretation" and two covering letters) the "most confusing conglomeration of documents it has ever been my misfortune to try to analyze."

THE LAST DITCH: The D-Y plan for financing the project last week went before the Securities & Exchange Commission, and public hearings were set to get under way on Dec. 7. Opponents have pledged to fight the deal to the last ditch; a last-minute provision in the contract permits either the government or the combine to cancel any time up to Feb. 15, which gives time for the next Congress to act. Holifield has announced he will offer a bill aimed at "junking" the contract. Sen. Lyndon Johnson (D-Tex.), slated to be the next majority leader, said:

> "We expect that . . . the Dixon-Yates thing can be given a quiet burial."

Sen. William Langer (R-N. D.), chairman of an anti-monopoly subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee, said he would seek a million-dollar appropriation for a full-scale investigation of monopoly in the power field. He is backed by Kefauver; both said that evidence already taken on the D-Y combine

> ". . . shows grave doubt as to the effectiveness of the Holding Company Act. . . . It shows that absentee ownership again threatens the growth and development of entire regions of the nation."

Butler-Brownell Law topic of L. A. Conference Dec. 4

What the Brownell-Butler law means to organized labor will be keynoted at a Fact and Act Conference, sponsored by the Citizens Committee to Preserve American Freedoms at Los Angeles' Alexandria Hotel Dec. 4 at 10 a.m.

The new law will be examined at a trade union panel. Other panels will be on "Community Organizations and Individual Liberties" and "Youth."

The conference also celebrated the 163d anniversary of the Bill of Rights. The Rev. A. A. Heist, committee chairman, will speak on "End Fear! Restore Freedom." Delegates of community organizations and observers are invited.

The rich are getting richer

FOR the year 1950—latest figures available from the Internal Revenue Service—eight persons in the U.S. reported adjusted gross incomes ranging from $6,000,000 to $8,500,000 a year. Those reporting a $1-5 million take numbered 219. The five-million-plus live in six states: New York, Pennsylvania, California, Florida, Michigan and Delaware.

Less than 1% of the population receive incomes of $20,000 or more a year.

In Texas, home of the richest of the rich, only 20 persons reported $1-5 million incomes. Oilman H. L. Hunt of Dallas is rumored to receive $200,000 a day, which would make his annual income $73,000,000. But tax gimmicks are so rigged in favor of oilmen that one receiving $60,000,000 a year could conceivably—by taking advantage of them all—bring his reportable income down to zero.

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THANKSGIVING IS A TIME TO REMEMBER

The writing on the seawall in San Francisco Bay

By Helen Sobell

IT HAS only been a few days since I watched the beacon light that flashes from Alcatraz. Wherever I saw it through the whole San Francisco bay area I thought of the 300 men who undergo the living death that is Alcatraz. How can I believe that the old men, the young men, the hundred men who are Negro, deserve the fate that has been decreed for them? How can I believe it when I know that my husband, Morton Sobell, was sent there because he would not perjure himself, would not confess to a guilt which he did not have, would not bear false witness against others? I think of these 300 men all the time, but when Thanksgiving comes, I feel the frozen tears of four years of sorrow.

When I saw Mort this time there was another visitor. This was unusual because there are only some ten visitors a month to the men in Alcatraz. She crossed on the boat, and took the bus to the top of the hill, and the same gate clanged shut behind us. She picked up her telephone as I picked up mine, and she strained to see through the small pane of glass at her station just as I did mine.

A CUP OF COFFEE: Mort and I had so much to talk about in that precious hour and a half, hemmed in by watchful guards. Then we pressed our fingers together through the glass, kissed the air that separated us, and parted.

I boarded the boat and someone said to me: "Come sit over here, Helen." Every nerve in my body snapped to attention, and I thought of the many times I had been addressed so, arrogantly, by FBI agents. It was my fellow visitor. "Doesn't it make you nervous to come over here?" she asked me. "I always have to have something to warm me up afterwards. We'll have a cup of coffee together, that'll fix us up."

"How did you know my name?" I asked her. She hesitated, and then: "I saw it on the register." The boat had pulled up to the pier, and we started up the hill together. I said: "I guess I'll be running along, I have a lot of things to do." She put her hand on my arm and said:

> "My brother told me to be sure to tell you that your husband is the best loved man on Alcatraz."

THE MYTH: It was the first Christmas after the first Thanksgiving Mort came to Alcatraz that I began to doubt the myth of Alcatraz. The myth says that the men there will not permit themselves to be treated differently; that they are beyond help and beyond hope. There is no commissary at Alcatraz. At other prisons men may buy food to supplement or vary their diets. They can feel some contact with the outer world. They have some slight freedom of choice. Here year follows year in endless monotony and one may not buy even a candy bar. At Christmas time each prisoner is given a small bag of hard candy, the year's rations.

In 1952 when Mort was a newcomer, he too received his little bag of candy, and it was stolen from him. He mentioned his loss casually at the mess table, and his table mates insisted upon making it up. They didn't want him to feel he was in bad company.

Are they then the ones who are beyond redemption? Who has decided their fate, and on what basis?

THE SEA-WALL SIGN: For me beside the flashing beacon of Alcatraz there is the steady light of my husband's courage. In these days when the prudent man compromises and sells half his ideals so that he may buy bread, Mort does not compromise. Now when the fearful man sells half his expression so that he may not be molested, Mort speaks loudly so that he may be heard. When the harbingers of decay, the agents of the FBI, came to Mort some weeks ago they cajoled and threatened him: "You can't help the Rosenbergs any more, nor can you harm them." This was his fifth year of imprisonment, and they were interested in his welfare; he must look out for himself, he had sacrificed enough. And Mort wrote to me: "How can anyone even speak to this kind of people? I can't. My thoughts may not be pearls, still I do not cast them indiscriminately."

They came again, and they had confidential information that he had been deserted. Mort wrote: "I will never soil these hands. . . . All dirt is dirty."

It is a steady light and a bright one that shines from Mort's cell on Alcatraz. The answering lights have sprung up all over our country and all over the world. One of the answering lights is a sign in black paint with letters almost two feet high on the sea wall facing Alcatraz. My friends in San Francisco who showed it to me did not know who had put it there. We stood and marveled at this wonderful sign: "Free Morton Sobell." Every day in one place or another new signs are posted by the people who understand the threat of his imprisonment. They say:

> "If Morton Sobell could be convicted on the uncorroborated testimony of one man who said he was 'scared to death' because he faced a perjury charge, I can be convicted on that kind of evidence. But even this witness never said Sobell had ever given or received any secret material. If a man be sentenced to 30 years on that kind of evidence, then our law is lynch law, and our courts rubber stamps. I am afraid to let this continue, my life is bound up in it."

They speak so and they act, and the world begins to listen.

THE WASTED DAYS: It is the beginning of the fifth year of imprisonment for my Mort. Five beautiful years of his life from his 33d birthday have been turned into so many days and nights of wasted loneliness. He could have realized his dream of helping the sick, the lame, the deaf, the blind. He could have taught his little Mark to make gliders, and run toy trains, and what it means to have a father in the home. He could have taught Sydney all that he knew and loved so that she would understand her music better.

THE WRITING ON THE WALL
For Nebuchadnezzar there was a warning too

Soon it will be Thanksgiving, Mort's third Thanksgiving in Alcatraz. In other families they remember births and deaths, and weddings. We remember Thanksgiving. For us that was the beginning of Alcatraz. Mort was snatched away, delivered to Alcatraz on Thanksgiving Day of 1952.

In Los Angeles I took Mark into the barber shop to have his hair cut. He sat in the chair designed to look like an automobile and asked: "How do you make it go? Where are the lights? Why don't the back wheels go?" The barber said: "You certainly ask a lot of questions. Where is your father? What does he do? Does he ask a lot of questions, too?" Finally Mark answered, evasively: "You know I don't live here. I live in New York." The conversation veered back and again the barber asked: "Where is your father? What does he do?" Mark answered in his five-year-old wisdom: "Let's not discuss about that, it's too complicated."

THE SIMPLE TRUTH: It is too complicated. Not only too complicated for a five-year-old, but for the whole world. The truth is simple, it takes a minute to listen to it, it takes a minute to learn it. My husband is innocent. In Alcatraz his days are being torn from him one by one.

I shall spend the next 30 years of my life, if need be, fighting for his freedom and for his vindication. I shall fight every minute of every hour because I love him, and because I cannot bear to live in a world where truth and sensitivity and generosity bring destruction.

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THREE WILL SIT IN 84TH CONGRESS

How Negroes fared in the November elections

By Eugene Gordon

THE intensifying fight of Negro citizens to achieve their own legislative representation in some proportion to their numbers brought these results in the Nov. 2 elections: Negro women were elected for the first time to Pennsylvania's and New York's legislatures and to Honolulu's city council, and Negro men for the first time to Kansas' and Maryland's legislatures and to city councils of Hot Springs, Ark., and Patterson, N. J. For the first time since Reconstruction (1867-73) there will be as many as three Negroes in Congress: Illinois' William L. Dawson, 68 (returned for his seventh term), New York's Adam Clayton Powell, 46 (returned for his sixth term), and a third Democrat, 31-year-old Charles C. Diggs Jr., newly-elected to Congress from Detroit, Mich.

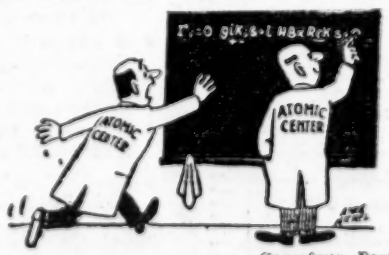
NUMBER THREE: Diggs had served four years in the Michigan Senate; his father served eight years there. He is Michigan civil liberties director for the Elks, a 32d degree Mason, a member of the Baptist Church, American Legion and NAACP, and president of the House of Diggs Inc. funeral home said to be the largest in Michigan. His GOP opponent Landon Knight, son of the publisher of the Detroit **Free Press** and of daily papers in Akron, Chicago, and Miami, distributed a pamphlet with pictures of himself ("looking like a movie hero," Diggs said) and of Diggs (a caricature), aimed at white voters' prejudices. But Diggs said: "We took the race issue out of the campaign and spoke on the issues."

The biggest single issue in "the Democratic triumph in Wayne County"—in which Diggs shared to the extent of 64,000 votes, about 62% coming from whites—was unemployment. Diggs thus outlined his program in Washington:

> "I am, of course, interested in the full employment program. I'm interested in repeal of restrictive labor legislation, Taft-Hartley. I'm interested in extension of public housing in little-income groups. I'm interested in legislation which has to do with the two age extremes—the young and the old—old-age pensions, social security; in the code for Congressional committees; and then, of course, in civil rights legislation."

NEW FACES: These state and local victories by Negroes were reported:

Maryland: Truly Hatchett, 72 (D), and Emory H. Cole, 60 (R), elected to House of Delegates. Asst. Atty. Gen. Harry A. Cole, 37, was first Negro ever elected to State Senate. In **New York** Mrs. Bessie Buchanan, in **Pennsylvania** Mrs. Sarah A. Anderson and Mrs. Susie Munroe, in **Kansas** Eldrew Brown, elected to State legislatures. **New Jersey:** Patterson's Virgil Reed (D), construction worker, defeated Theodore Kyles (R) for 4th ward City Council seat. Rev. Raphus P. Means (D), pastor of Newark's Abyssinian Baptist Church, elected freeholder in Republican Essex Co. **Hawaii:** Mrs. Helene Hale, 36 (D), former school teacher, elected to Honolulu city council. **Hot Springs, Ark.:** F. W. Martin elected to council. **Michigan** elected six Negroes to the State House of Representatives and one, a woman, to the Senate. Lansing elected its first Negro councilman.



Carrefour, Paris

"For God's sake, stop! That would be just too atrocious!"

THE TREND AND THE MENACE: Chiding those who found no trend, only confusion, in election results, the **Afro-American** saw this "trend" of "historic importance":

> "The American people from Maryland to Michigan served blunt notice . . . that racial demagoguery has lost its previous magic appeal."

Afro reporter James L. Hicks (11/20) wrote that "Eisenhower has earned the right to look at the election results and to ask spokesmen for the Negro people: 'What do I do to get your folks to vote Republican?'" Hicks said Eisenhower has this "right" because he—but not the GOP—"has done all right by us since he has been in office."

A sober fact for Negro voters to consider was that, as N.Y. **World Telegram**'s Roger Stuart wrote (11/13):

> "Whether the country wants it that way or not, the Senate and House are destined to continue under domination of Southerners whenever the Democrats win control of Congress. . . . The pattern [of Southern leadership of the Democratic Party] for the foreseeable future, extending for at least a decade ahead, is firmly established. . . .
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> "Then there are the committee chairmen, who have great power to block legislation they do not favor [FEPC, anti-lynch, etc.], as well as to hasten committee approval of bills they like. Most of these, too, will be Southerners in the next session. Only one of the 15 standing committees in the Senate will be headed by a Northerner. . . . Fourteen of the standing committees in the House will be headed by Southerners. And it is significant that the committees in both houses destined to fall into Southern hands regularly consider legislation of greatest importance."

AFTERMATH OF BOMBING A NEGRO HOME

Sedition trial opens in Louisville Nov. 29

By Ione Kramer

"THEY didn't have the nerve to attack Louisville's Negro community directly, so they used a political witch-hunt against white people," said Anne Braden, in New York last week from Louisville, Ky., where a "sedition" trial involving her, her husband Carl and four others opens Nov. 29. The Bradens bought a new house in the all-white suburb of Shively and sold it to a young Negro couple, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Wade IV. When the house was bombed after a KKK-type terror campaign, the grand jury turned its investigation into a witch-hunt of Wade's supporters. Others indicted Oct. 1 were I. O. Ford, 79-year-old retired riverboat captain; Misses Larue Spiker and Mary Louise Gilbert, social workers; truckdriver Vernon Bown, Lincoln Brigade and World War II veteran, who had guarded Wade's house and was also indicted separately on a charge of bombing it.

Defense lawyers and attorney Louis Lusky representing the American Civil Liberties Union argued for a dismissal charging the indictments cited no specific acts. The grand jury issued a second set of indictments Nov. 4. Under the "criminal syndicalism" section of the same state law passed during the Palmer raids, five persons were charged with "conspiring" to blow up Wade's house

". . . to achieve a political end or to bring about a political revolution, to wit, to incite racial disturbance and hatred between the white and Negro races . . . to promote and advance the cause of communism within the Commonwealth of Kentucky and the U.S., all with the ultimate purpose of overthrowing the governments of both."

"TO THE JURORS UNKNOWN": Included with the Bradens, Ford and Bown in the second indictment was Louis Lubka, former Intl. Union of Electrical Workers (CIO) shop steward at Louisville's General Electric plant. Lubka was fired from his job after he refused to testify at the Sept. grand jury hearing. The five were charged with "conspiring" together "at times and places to the jurors unknown." Commonwealth Atty. A. Scott Hamilton indicated the second indictments would be tried first. If convicted the defendants face 21 years in prison or $10,000 fine or both under each indictment.

"The second indictment, which like the first states no specific acts, proves the state has nothing on which to base its charges," Carl Braden told the GUARDIAN. He recalled that last summer, shortly after the bombing, when the Louisville police were also guarding their home following threats, police chief Carl Heustis told him a confession had been obtained from the person who blew up the house; the dynamite had been obtained in southern Indiana; the people who did it were "ignorant asses," and it could be cleaned up in 24 hours if they were arrested. The Wade Defense Committee was told the same thing when they pressed for an investigation. Heustis has never been called by any of the investigating juries.

CARL and ANNIE BRADEN
They are fighting against a most dangerous example

Let them know

The relationship between political witch-hunting and the movement toward full citizenship for Negro Americans emerges with dazzling clarity in the fantastic Louisville "sedition" case. The precedent is highly dangerous. Letters to Gov. Lawrence W. Wetherby, Frankfort, Ky., protesting and asking that the "sedition" prosecutions be stopped, will be effective; also to Senator-elect Alben Barkley, urging him to use his good offices to stop them.

GHETTO ECONOMICS: A spectacled, greying, soft-spoken man on leave with pay from his copyreader job on the Louisville **Courier-Journal,** Braden offered some background on the discrimination which its supporters have sought to preserve through the witch-hunt. In the Louisville area last year 18,000 new homes were built in "white" areas, 300 in areas available to Negroes. Wade would have had to pay more for a secondhand four-room cottage on the edge of the Negro "ghetto" than he did for the ranch-type house in Shively, Braden said. The higher down payment and interest rate for a Negro would have given him a monthly expense of $85, against $75 for the new house.

The Negro community was taking steps to break the jimcrow pattern; Wade's father had been the plaintiff in a suit this summer to end discrimination in the city swimming pool. The suit was dismissed last month on grounds that Wade could not show he had been "injured." (The Natl. Negro Labor Council has announced a drive to end discrimination in industrial plants which are moving to Louisville from the north, with special emphasis on the General Electric plant.)

GUILTY BOOKSHELVES: Anne spoke in a soft Alabama accent of the hysteria in Louisville following the arrests and raids without warrant on the homes and libraries. While they were in jail, authorities took some books they felt would be incriminating, including works by Karl Marx, John Maynard Keynes and Albert Einstein, and Louisvillians hurried books by those authors from their homes. Anne felt the majority of decent people in Louisville were incensed at the turn the investigation had taken. Shively neighbors had said privately they were proud to have their children play with Wade's daughter. The Wade Defense Committee, formed last summer to guard the Wades, was continuing efforts in support of those indicted. The Bradens' two children, a boy 3, and a girl 1½, were cared for by friends while their parents were in jail, and are now with their grandmother out of the state.

Many people feel the events indicate a split in the Democratic Party in Kentucky, Carl said. The party's right wing introduced an "anti-subversive" bill into the last legislature, but it was dropped at behind-the scenes requests of Senator-elect Alben Barkley, Gov. Lawrence Wetherby, and Barry Bingham and Mark Ethridge, president and publisher of Louisville's two dailies, the **Times** and **Courier-Journal.** Leading the right wing are Atty. Gen. J. D. Buchanan, Kenton Co. State Senator Carl J. Ruh, and Commonwealth Atty. Hamilton—the chief figure behind the "sedition" indictments—who has his eye on the governor's chair in next year's election.

DANGER: The Bradens were visiting New York seeking support and funds for bail and legal fees for the Louisville defendants. They are each free in $10,000 bond, as are all the others except Bown and Ford, who are being held in $20,000 bail although the prosecutor indicated he would release them if they could raise $10,000 each. The Bradens can be contacted at P. O. Box 1302, Louisville.

Asked for a summary statement, Carl demurred to Anne: "She makes better statements." Said Anne:

"If those few people who want to keep the segregation pattern are not controlled, but permitted to get away with this, it will set a dangerous example that all you have to do to blow up a Negro's house is scream 'red.'"

"Disgracefully Marxist"

The hearing [on the school-integration decision, before the Fairfax Co., Va., supervisors] brought some sharp denunciations of the Supreme Court opinion. Kenneth J. Hooley, a Franklin Park businessman, called it "the most disgraceful, Marxist type of court decision in the history of our country. . . ." When the Rev. T. Dabney Welford, an Episcopal minister, urged opponents of integration to consider their stand in terms of the "will of God," Hooley declared: "I am sorry to see our religious leaders handing the people the image of Christ in the spirit of Karl Marx."

—Washington Post, Nov. 11.

If you thought of selling pianos, think of something else

The latest activity barred in the U.S. to people with wrong politics is second-hand piano selling. William Shonick of Washington, D.C., who police said had been "identified by Mrs. Mary Stalcup Markward as associated with the Communist Party," applied for renewal of his license as a second-hand piano dealer. Last week the District License Bureau denied it because Shonick invoked the Fifth Amendment last summer in refusing to answer a political quiz by the House Un-American Activities Committee.

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BOOKS

'Fear, the Accuser'

By James Aronson

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U. S. District Judge Luther W. Youngdahl, in dismissing a Government demand that he disqualify himself in the Lattimore case.

IN HIS BOOK, **Fear, the Accuser*** Dan Gillmor has taken the records of McCarthy, Jenner, Velde & Co. and established, in the firm's own words, that it has a collective bent of mind which seeks to rob Americans of the presumption of innocence even before they are charged with anything, let alone tried.

Gillmor, a free-lance political writer and former editor of **Friday** and **Survey Graphic**, has written a remarkably calm book when you consider that he is dealing with a nightmare; not only calm but leavened with a sly humor sometimes abetted by the unconscious clowning of the investigators. He has gone back into our history to tell us why we have Congressional investigating committees, how they once functioned, why they can be valuable. Then he comes up to date with the record of the 83d Congress' witch-hunting committees.

THE WRECKING CREW: In a splendid job of research he has read thousands of pages of hearing transcript and culled from them the most damning evidence that McCarthy, Jenner, Velde & Co. are out to wreck the Bill of Rights—and American rhetoric to boot.

He takes up, among other matters, the Velde-Bishop Oxnam exchange; the Harry Dexter White case and the fantasy of the Soviet spy rings; the Ft. Monmouth Signal Corps hoax; the charges of treason against Gen. George C. Marshall. He tells of 87 paid government informers (too bad he didn't give more of their background) who "roam from committee session to loyalty probe to deportation hearing to courtroom."

But most significantly he explains why so many took the Fifth Amendment, even though they could answer the $64 question with a two-letter word beginning with "N"—and what happened to those who in some cases were advised not to take it. In two skillful chapters of imaginary dialogue he takes up the not-so-imaginary "Subpena for Mr. Smith" and carries it right through the hearing. Mr. Smith's discussion with his lawyer is a primer for anyone who may be facing a call, and a refresher for those who have been called.

EXERCISE OF FREEDOM: The book is simply written; where Gillmor can find a small word for a big one, he employs it. It is short enough to be read in a day's sitting, yet comprehensive enough to be authoritative. It is at all times engrossing. It may be read for enlightenment by those who follow the committees' activities from day to day, as well as by your Aunt Agatha, who is not a political being and gets most of her news by radio report. When she puts the book down she will think long about what Gillmor says when he speaks for himself in the last chapter:

> "Our freedom, like our flesh, requires exercise for strength. By asserting our inalienable right to think and to act according to our consciences, we may rebuild our hopes with the wreckage of our fears."

Aunt Agatha may even get up out of her chair for exercise.

**FEAR, THE ACCUSER, by Dan Gillmor, Abelard-Schuman, 404 Fourth Av., New York 16, N. Y. 308 pp. $3.*

The riddance of spooks

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A. Einstein

'Song in My Pocket'

IN GUARDIAN circles out San Francisco way somebody says, "Let's sing, Malvina." Out comes the guitar and they sing. Malvina Reynolds has the reputation out there for being the world's most willing song leader—on the condition that she can plug the GUARDIAN (she's our Bay area representative).

Malvina has published a little book of her own songs in collaboration with the California Labor School. They're 14 nice, uncomplicated, sing-ey tunes for kids or rusty adults, accompanied by lively illustrations done by a crew from the S.F. Graphic Acts Workshop. Songs include Malvina's first "Sing Along" and a new one which is fast becoming a classic, "Bury Me in My Overalls." Into this one she has put the honest words and feelings of working people. Pete Seeger writes in the introduction:

"Some future music historian will come across this small volume and be proud to read the songs of Americans who stood up for peace, democracy and common sense in these bomb-threatened years. . . . A poor song, a fake or insincere song is not worth the paper it is written on, but a good song is a priceless possession of the people." —I. K.

SONG IN MY POCKET, by Malvina Reynolds, Calif. Labor School, 321 Divisadero St., San Francisco, Calif.; 16 pp., 50c (40% discount for 15 or more copies).

MARC'S WORDS HIS MONUMENT

Marc memorial meeting Dec. 7

WHEN Vito Marcantonio fell dead on a rainy morning last August he was already a legend. He had left behind him a monumental record and there were millions who would remember Marc if not another word were printed about him. At his funeral the mourners came from the tenements in Marc's 18th Congressional District and from Congress.

They will come together again at a memorial meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 7, at Manhattan Center, 34th St. and 8th Av.

The meeting is being sponsored by the Vito Marcantonio Memorial, an association founded by people who had worked most closely with him; it is dedicated to keeping the Marcantonio record straight and making it a continuing force. Mrs. Miriam S. Marcantonio is hon. chairman; Arthur Schutzer is secretary. Memorial plans include no statues but living monuments such as scholarships, essay awards, public rallies, at least one book, now in the works.

HISTORY FROM '35: Since October three of Marcantonio's co-workers, Dr. Annette T. Rubinstein, Lionel Berman and Miss Anne Schlessinger, have been combing the **Congressional Record** and the files of Marcantonio's speeches. By April highlights will be published in a book with a preface by Dr. W. E. B. DuBois.

It will amount to a history of America from 1935 to last August, as Marc commented on it and frequently made it. It is a catalogue of battles, all fought hard and many of them won. It is history made sometimes with a ringing declaration, sometimes with a quip. Marc's first words on the floor of Congress (March 19, 1935) were a question to expose a premature McCarranite move against immigration:

"Does the gentleman believe it is wrong for families to be reunited, and un-American and detrimental to the economic welfare of this nation?"

THE PINK SLIP: His last words in Congress (Dec., 1950) were a plea to ban the atom bomb. In the years between, the book will show, he rallied majorities (in the New Deal days), later shamed or maneuvered Congressmen into majorities for principled stands. Often he stood alone.

When WPA was under fire Marcantonio warned Congress he would not let a day go by without at least a one-minute reminder of the emergency. In a full-length debate he told Congress: "American civilization depends on the standard of living of the unemployed."

When Congress turned its back on the problem and discussed an appropriation bill to fight "pink boll-worms" Marcantonio saw his cue and said it reminded him of the 400,000 "pink slips" on their way to WPA workers. He spoke until he was gaveled down.

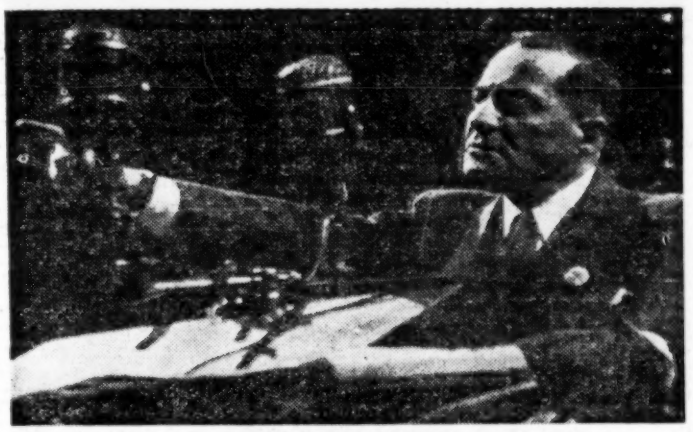
HE MADE A PLEDGE: When the Dies Committee assailed an organization of unemployed, the Workers Alliance, Marcantonio, then a Republican, said he knew of the red charges but "when the day comes that I will not defend a just cause because it is unpopular I will have lost the right to public office." That day never came.

Marcantonio summed up his years of fighting for a fair employment practices law with teeth on Feb. 21, 1950:

"I am intolerant. I am intolerant of any one who would tolerate conditions of segregation and Jim Crow. I am intolerant of inequality. I am intolerant of those Jim Crow conditions, and I shall continue to do all I can in my limited capacity to destroy them."

RELUCTANT TRIBUTE: For his 1950 FEPC fight he won tributes like this from Cong. Colmer (D-Miss.):

"Who is it that cracks the whip and makes the leadership of both major parties jump through the hoop? It is the organized minorities, and who is their spokesman? The able gentleman from New York who back in 1942 introduced the first FEPC bill in this Congress."



VITO MARCANTONIO
His memory still brings people together

The "able gentleman" was also an able prophet. He foresaw the Dies Committee mushrooming into a full-fledged inquisition and in 1936 he pointed to those who advocate "force and violence" in American life:

"We hear a great deal today about curtailing free speech. People advance the theory that free speech should be curtailed because some people seek to overthrow the government by violence. Mr. Chairman, if there is any danger to our basic democratic principles of government, that danger does not come from any Communist; it does not come from any so-called radical; it does not come from the left; but it comes from the right, from the Tories of today, the Bourbons of today, from the reactionaries of today. They are the ones who are boring from within. . . ."

ON TOUGHNESS: In Congress and out, in court trials and campaign speeches, he championed the independence of Puerto Rico, the protection of workers against silicosis, the Wagner Act and the rights of the foreign born. The book summing up that record in Marc's own words must be a Bartlett's book of quotations in the good fight and a guide for action.

Summing it up, and giving the Dec. 7 meeting its text, is a letter Marc wrote to former Rep. John T. Bernard after he was defeated for Congress largely by efforts of the Dies Committee. Bernard had written Marc that "things were tough all over." Marc wrote:

"When times are tough it's my policy to get tougher."

AMERICAN SAFETY RAZOR RUNAWAY

City officials deaf to pleas of strikers; UE asks boycott

MAYOR WAGNER was "busy" Nov. 10 when close to 1,000 men, women and children came to City Hall. They were the locked-out workers of the American Safety Razor Co., their families and sympathizers.

They came to ask the Mayor to call off police who have broken picket-lines with their nightsticks, arrested pickets and herded scabs into the Brooklyn plant to move out the machinery. Local 475, United Electrical Workers, has been fighting to save the jobs of 1,400 ASR workers, or, if that battle is lost, to guarantee them adequate pension and severance pay.

ASR has been trying to run away from Brooklyn to low-pay Staunton, Va. Local 475 reached verbal agreement with the company last August providing a 5c-an-hour wage raise, postponement of the move to May 1, pensions and severance pay. The company later refused to sign the agreement unless the union called off its campaign to rally the community against the runaway plans. Since mid-October the company has locked out its workers and under police guard trucks are loading dismantled machinery for the trip south.

Fiesta rehearsal

Marie Martinez and Alan Booth run through their numbers for a concert of Latin American music, part of the all-day Latin American Festival at Casa Galicia, 153 W. 64 St., Sunday, Nov. 28. The N. Y. Council of Arts, Sciences and Professions, sponsors, have also scheduled three top-notch films, puppet shows, a bazaar, art show and dinner before the evening concert. Tickets are available at ASP, 35 W. 64 St. Admission for all events: $2; concert only, $1.50; dinner, $1.25 extra. For reservations call SU 7-4677.

HELP WANTED: The City Hall demonstration of Nov. 10 was not the union's first appeal to city officials. Telegrams, letters and delegations have received a consistent brushoff. Appeals to trade unions have brought few official gestures of support, but rank-and-filers from many independent, CIO and AFL unions have swelled the picket-lines at the Jay St. plant and sent money to maintain ASR families.

American Labor Party clubs, a union spokesman said, have bolstered the fight with pickets, money, food and coffee. For seven weeks the 1,400 locked-out workers could not apply for unemployment benefits as their penalty for striking. Last week many applied but will still have to wait three weeks for their first checks.

UE has guaranteed that none of them will be evicted, go hungry or have their utilities shut off. To make good, the union last week called on unionists everywhere to send food and money. (UE Local 475 officers are at 160 Montague St., Brooklyn.)

TELLING THE BOROUGH: Each morning and evening the line at the Brooklyn plant numbers 200 or more singing, shouting pickets. ASR workers keep the line going at other hours on regularly assigned tours. On Wednesday evening, Nov. 17 the union called a mass demonstration at Brooklyn's Borough Hall and a motorcade to take the union's story throughout the borough.

Fighting now mainly for pensions and severance pay, the union plans distribution of 125,000 leaflets with one message: Don't buy ASR products. These include Gem razors and blades, Treet, Blue Star, Silver Star, Personna and Pal Holloware blades, Eveready brushes.

Bill of Rights dinner Dec. 15

THE 163d anniversary of the Bill of Rights will be celebrated at a dinner in the Great Northern Hotel, Dec. 15, by the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee.

Guests of honor will be seven persons from six different states, each facing prosecution in a test of the First Amendment: H. Chandler Davis, formerly of the mathematics dept., Univ. of Michigan; Dr. Corliss Lamont, philosophy dept., Columbia; Harvey O'Connor, author; Albert Shadowitz, engineer; Prof. Paul Sweezy, formerly of Harvard, now co-editor of the **Monthly Review**; Abraham Unger, attorney; Mrs. Goldie Watson, former Philadelphia public school teacher.

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THE COW ALMOST JUMPED OVER THE MOON

Proposed new transit service cuts stir a storm at TA public hearing

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AN EL CROWD WAITS ON A LONESOME TRACK
Train, train goes away, comes again some other day

By Elmer Bendiner

"I don't know what commission has jurisdiction over the subways but I do know that if any railroad in the U.S. were to operate its passenger trains, or even its cattle-car trains, with such disregard of the comfort of the creatures carried, human or animal, the resulting howl could be heard on the moon."

—Charles E. Funk, visiting N.Y. from Mt. Plymouth, Fla., in a letter to the Times (10/29).

THERE was a howl on Nov. 15 which did not reach the moon—but raised the roof at the Transit Authority's public hearing in the Board of Education's auditorium at 110 Livingston St., Brooklyn. Some 500 people, representing every type of organization from the Mayor's office to parents' associations, spent seven hours speaking against TA proposals to reduce service still further. No one rose to defend the TA.

TA member Harris J. Klein charged his four colleagues on the authority had already adopted the cuts in service with a "callous and complete disregard of public welfare."

TA chairman Gen. Hugh J. Casey denied the decision was already made and the hearing merely window-dressing, but he said it was either the service cuts or a fare boost. The hearings were called specifically on proposals to slash Brooklyn's service; but in the background loomed similar plans for longer waits between subway trains, the elimination of bus and el lines in other boroughs.

MORE CUTS, MORE LOSSES: For Brooklyn, the TA plans to limit operating hours on these bus lines: Manhattan Bridge, Third Av., Myrtle Av., Fulton St. and Grand St. It also plans to do away with the Fulton St. extension bus route and McDonald Av. trolley and parts of Graham Av., Crosstown, Metropolitan Av., Bergen St., Ocean Av. and East N.Y. Av. lines. Subway lines are slated for a 50% reduction in service during non-rush-hour periods.

Part of the show at Livingston St. was political. Mayor Wagner sent a message, read by Brooklyn Borough Pres. Cashmore, in which he said his office had been flooded with "substantially justified" complaints. He told the TA that "continued cuts" would mean "greater losses."

Cashmore called it a "blitz"; his attack was seconded by Democratic councilmen Philip J. Shupler and Morris J. Stein. The Democrats were plainly making hay, safe in the knowledge that since the TA is an autonomous body, not responsible to any part of the city government, they could not be called on for action.

POLITICIANS HAPPY: The TA was set up when city officials surrendered on the 15c fare boost. The city then turned over all transport to the authority which could cut fares and services without fear of reprisals on election day. The GOP, which pushed for the TA, failed to send one spokesman to defend it at last week's hearing.

In the present set-up the TA has the final word, cannot be appealed from or voted out of office. Politicians rejoice that their hands are tied. If the TA were under any control by elected officials it would never, in an October of an election year, announce that it had engaged a public relations firm at $2,000 a month at the same time it contemplated a service slash-or-fare-boost ultimatum.

The CIO Transport Workers Union has been heading a campaign to abolish the TA and return the transit lines to the city. TWU spokesmen have charged that the authority plans not only to cut services but to revise inspection schedules dangerously. Current regulations require inspections of rolling stock every 1,300 miles. The TA reportedly plans to stretch that figure to 5,000. The TA has admitted that some workers will have to be fired, but TWU has warned that 4,000 workers, 10% in every TA department may be laid off. The union charges that TA plans to close some subway stations at night and close up others altogether.

VOLLEY OF PROTESTS: Gen. Casey had a rough time at the TA's hearing, trying to enforce a rule confining speakers to a specific bus or trolley line under discussion, putting off all general discussion of the service cuts. Morris Iushewitz, secy.-treas. of the City CIO Council, walked out of the hearing in protest against the procedure and from all over the room came cries of "steamroller."

TWU counsel John O'Donnell charged that Gen. Casey had "rigged" the meeting, but he stuck it out, rising to speak on each line as it came up for discussion. O'Donnell told the authority the union understood its difficulties: the Dewey administration which sponsored the authority was on its way out. He offered the union's cooperation in going to the Legislature with a proposal to do away with the TA.

Ellis van Riper, secy. of TWU Local 100, and Hans W. Hanson, pres. of CIO United Steel Workers Local 2067, also voiced labor protests. Churchmen, parents' representatives, clubwomen, taxpayers' associations, rounded out the day's volley of protests.

THE "LOST" MILLION: Some said the "heart was being ripped out" of Brooklyn's transport. Joseph Saldino of the 28th Ward Taxpayers Assn. told the TA that if the Fulton St. line was curtailed Bedford-Stuyvesant residents would have to pay 60c fare to get to Prospect Park.

The TA had only one answer: it had "lost" $1,254,000 on Brooklyn's surface transport from July 1-30. It was the businessman's concept of the transit deficit. Against it there was only one possible argument: run transit as a public service, no more expected to break even or show a profit than schools or hospitals.

Elderly Mrs. Angelina Sephano went to the heart of the matter. Speaking only for herself she told the TA:

"Traveling in subways is not nice for young and old ladies. And I'm not concerned about how much you make or lose."

ROSE RUSSELL
The Greeks had a word

DECADE OF SERVICE

1,600 honor Rose Russell

SIXTEEN HUNDRED people packed themselves into the ballroom of the Hotel New Yorker last Sunday (the overflow had to be accommodated in another ballroom) for a reception honoring Mrs. Rose Russell, legislative representative of the Teachers Union.

Mrs. Russell's tireless and selfless leadership for more than a decade on the educational front was attested to by Dr. Corliss Lamont and other speakers representing working teachers, parents, pupils, fellow trade unionists, victims of school witch-hunts.

LIKE PALLAS: Philosopher Barrows Dunham, removed from his post at Temple University for refusing to answer Velde Committee questions, likened Mrs. Russell to Pallas Athene in a series of "heroic stanzas" entitled "The Greeks Had a Goddess for It." Lamont said no group had suffered more than the teachers in the general onslaught on civil liberties but urged keeping up the fight "in the face of every ordeal." He continued:

"In the great fight that is being waged today for America's freedom our chief aim must be, neither to avoid trouble, nor to stay out of jail, nor even to preserve our lives, but to keep on fighting for civil liberties, for democracy and for constitutional rights. Our central purpose is not a ripe old age—although that would be nice—but the generous expenditure of our energies for the good of our country and the welfare of humanity."

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POST-ELECTION PORTENT

Lane, Rosenbergs' prosecutor, heads Harriman witch-hunt

WITH elections over, Democratic administrations in City Hall and Albany brought into the open witch-hunt plans possibly more drastic than anything sponsored by their Republican predecessors.

Shortly after his election a year ago Mayor Wagner appointed Peter Campbell Brown, former chairman of the Subversive Activities Control Board, the city's commissioner of investigations. Last March Brown launched a loyalty probe among city employes with a written questionnaire. With unions protesting and the election campaign gathering steam, Brown went underground.

A week ago Brown came out in the open. A water commissioner and two transit employes were suspended for refusing to answer questions; a third transit employee resigned as the result of the probe. Apparently Brown had been quietly running his inquisition all summer. He promised a full report shortly.

MYLES LANE AGAIN: Gov.-elect Averell Harriman followed Wagner's lead and last week put former U.S. Atty. Myles Lane in charge of a state-wide witch-hunt. Lane was one of the prosecution's staff in the trial of top Communist Party leaders under the Smith Act and in the Rosenberg case. A Liberal Party campaigner for Harriman, Lane was charged with negotiating a deal in the Rosenberg case by which state's witness David Greenglass would escape indictment.

In a letter to Harriman protesting Lane's appointment, the Committee to Secure Justice for Morton Sobell cited a memorandum from the files of Greenglass' attorney O. John Rogge concerning a hastily-called meeting between Lane and a Rogge assistant after the late Emanuel Bloch, attorney for the Rosenbergs, had charged such a deal was in the works.

Harriman said Lane would survey all procedures for eliminating "communists" from public employment. To frame policy in other fields Harriman named Thomas K. Finletter who, as Air Force Secy. under Truman, was one of the leading exponents of a build-up in atomic weapons and planes to carry them.

MYLES LANE
The up-graded hunter

AFTER LUNCH: Last week at his N.Y. estate Harriman had two guests. With Michigan's Gov. G. Mennen Williams the after-lunch talk was probably political. "Soapy" Williams and Harriman have much in common. Both are millionaires, both governors, both widely talked of as Presidential timber.

With lawyer William L. Batt Jr., the governor-elect turned to economics. Batt worked closely with the "Toledo Plan" for licking unemployment by union-business "co-operation" to attract industry to the community. Finletter's place in Harriman's counsel would indicate that the industry in prospect might be in the aviation line and Harriman's solution to unemployment: more production for war.

Harriman also named Dr. Isidore Lubin, economist under FDR and Truman, as Industrial Commissioner and dispatched a three-man "task force" to Amsterdam, Hudson and Schenectady, all hit by joblessness.

THE THEATER

'The Dybbuk' on 4th Street

DOWN at the Fourth St. Theater (at Second Av.) an imaginative theater group has overcome seemingly insurmountable technical obstacles to present an interesting version of Shloime Ansky's **The Dybbuk** in a new English translation by Henry G. Alsberg. This might be called theater-on-two-sides, since the stage cuts the auditorium in two at the middle.

Ansky's work greatly influenced the Yiddish and Hebrew theater in the first decades of this century. The dybbuk, according to the legend of the Chassidim (a rigidly orthodox Judaic sect), was a homeless and damned evil spirit with the power to inhabit a living human body. If such a thing happened it could be expelled by faith and prayer or, in obstinate instances, exorcised by the terrifying powers of the Rabbi.

Ansky's story, in an exciting adaptation, tells of the dybbuk of a brilliant and mystical young student (dead of a broken heart) who enters the body of his beloved. She is the daughter of a rich merchant who is betrothed against her will to a son of wealth.

SUPERNATURAL: The action is mainly in the synagogue, and the home of a rabbi of great renown. It shows the deep faith of the Chassidic Jews, but also—for this playgoer—the cruelties of supernatural religion and the hypocrisy and self-interest of so-called dedicated scholars. A knowledge of Hebrew lore is not necessary to appreciate it.

Thomas Mayer has adapted some haunting Chassidic melodies as background music.

The acting is uniformly good, with especially moving performances by Miriam Elyas as the grandmother of the girl, Alex Lord as a yeshiva student and Charles Brin as a kind of Greek chorus messenger. As the dybbuk-ridden girl Rachel Armour has an austere loveliness and expresses the pathos of her plight; but she is hampered by an un-emotional, stylized speech.

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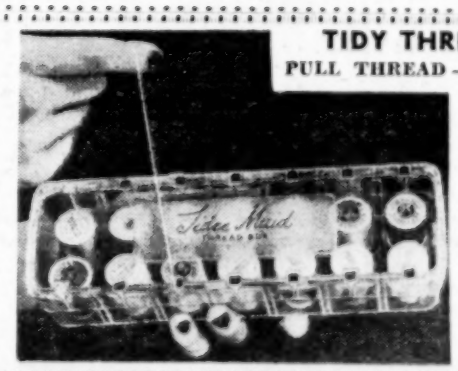

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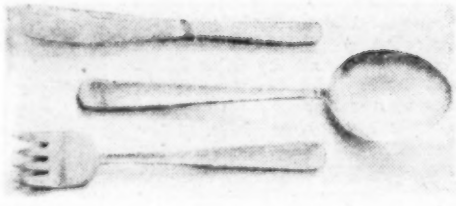

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